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Ms. Sheelagh McNeill
The Intercept
114 5th Avenue, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10011

Dear Ms. McNeill:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek available U.S. Navy Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) information pertaining to SOCM John David Stevens (Ret). Your request was received in this office on November 1, 2017, has been assigned FOIA case file number CNPC20180056 by this command.

A releasable copy of available responsive information is enclosed. The redacted portions of the released documentation are exempt from disclosure under multiple FOIA exemptions. FOIA exemption 6 is cited as the release of such information would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of SOCM John David Stevens and other identified individuals. Exemption 7(f) is cited as release of such information would constitute and unwarranted invasion of the person privacy of SOCM John David Stevens and other identified individuals within a law enforcement context. FOIA exemption 3 in conjunction with 10 U.S.C. § 130 is cited as release of such information would compromise unclassified technical data with military or space applications. FOIA exemption 3 in conjunction with 10 U.S.C. § 130b is cited as release of such information would reveal personally identifiable information regarding personnel assigned to an overseas, sensitive, or routinely deployable unit. FOIA exemption 3 in conjunction with 10 U.S.C. 130c is cited as release of such information would reveal sensitive information of foreign governments and international organizations. FOIA exemption 3 in conjunction with 50 U.S.C. § 3024 is cited as release of such information would reveal intelligence sources and methods.

Because your request is partially denied by this command, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in

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writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

If an appeal is deemed necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, in order to be considered. To expedite an appeal, you should enclose a copy of this letter and a copy of the original request along with a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "FOIA/PA APPEAL."

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your request by this command, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). Their website is below:

<https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,



D. P. GERMAN
FOIA/PA Officer
By direction